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'Japan of Today'---Uncensored!

Australian Merchant Gives Candid Views on Nipponese

The Marin Journal is in recepit of a letter from an Australian merchant and former Oriental buyer. It is a lengthly communication, and intensely interesting. The opening paragraphs deal principally with events closely following Japan's surrender, and its length does not permit its entire publication. However, excerpts from vivid descriptions of the trend of events are worth reproducing, because the first-hand account of conditions in Japan include many experiences not usually found in the press dispatches.

Particularly interesting is the Australian's viewpoint as compared with our own. This gentleman, if expressing the Australian viewpoint, clearly indicates that the country from "down under" expects the treacherous Japs to "pay in full."

Following are bits of the interesting letter:

"Less than nine weeks ago all foreigners in Japan, prisoners of war, internees and neutrals were in imminent danger of massacre. Today there are demonstrations in favor of the occupation forces. Political prisoners who have been rotting in prison for years were recently released by order of General McArthur and they and the Socialist Party made a procession through the town to the GHQ where they cheered the American Command. The next day the Koreans celebrated their release from Japanese tyranny and shouted "Manzai" in front of GHQ right across from the Palace. An immense crowd gathered on both occasions and the Jap Police gently controlled the traffic. The policeman is a very gentle creature these days. Several weeks ago they were thrilled at any opportunity that was given to them to show one the way. The effusiveness of some of them embarrassed me.

"Girls from some of the better schools serve green tea to American troops in the streets of Tokyo. Everybody is striving to learn and talk English. To be able to speak English may mean better chances of a livelihood, the ability to pull off better deals on the black market, the chance of picking a crumb from an American, or to be able to fawn the better upon their erstwhile enemies.

"Having known Japanese in the period preceding the war, and during the nineteen thirties, and having seen so much of their arrogance even during the war, and to know precisely the extent of the cruelties and atrocities which they committed, it does not please me now to have a policeman servilely salute me, for navy and military officers to greet me with elaborate smiles, oro for the man in the street to go out of his way to impress me. It only increases the contempt which we Australians, at least, must have for them. The swing from one extreme to the other has been too sudden to be convincing. We must not forget that had a landing been effected in Japan many thousands of Allied and neutral lives would

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Open Letter to the Publisher

NOTE:—The Citizen publishes the following in accordance with its policy of "showing both sides" of questions. It does not mean we agree or disagree with its contents.

In the November 23rd edition of The Marin Citizen, it was noticed that Mr. and Mrs. Average Citizen came in for another panning. Why?

Why is it that some people prefer to jump to conclusions, based on surface indications (superficialities) then issue blanket condemnations, rather than attempt to analyze the underlying ramifications of the event?

Take the above mentioned attacks on Mr. and Mrs. Average Citizen. Is it possible to present a line of reasoning in this case that will lead to something other than a gastric pip? The opinion is expressed here that it is. At any rate, here is an attempt.

It appears to this writer that the following implication is inherent in the aforementioned attack, to wit:

Because a man or woman is in a service uniform, he or she is a hero, hence entitled to special and exalted treatment. A secondary implication is also readily apparent, namely, A man or woman not in a service uniform is—a hero's antithesis.

We might begin by being chivalrous, so, let's leave the women out of it. The reason is obvious. Now we can slug it out. To start: Of the 12 million and few odd of men who were in uniform, how many (question)

1. Wanted to be there?
2. Would not have been there if they had had their choice?

A truthful answer to those questions will knock practically all of the ciphers, placed after the twelve or so odd (above) galley-west; like an expert bowler will make the pins fly in all directions at once with his ball.

The writer has been led to this belief because (in part) of the following: During part of the fracas, he commuted from San Francisco to Marin County to do war work. The hours commuted were varied. Patriotism was burning with a bright blue flame. Never could it be said that he gave preference to any but the uniform. Not one draft-dodging (according to many men in uniform) shipyard worker did he pick up, although some of them were barely able to stand, due to weariness from their work; fighting the elements for a shift or a shift and a half in the yard; waiting long times for buses, then only to stand for the whole ride; standing in interminable lines to pay exhorbitant prices for rationed food, if any; living in crowded, poorly fitted dwellings.

No, sir! Only the gay young soldiers and sailors were given rides—soldiers and sailors who were going over to the city to raise hell; deplete the civilians' limited food, smokes, etc. supply, while their drawn rations at their mess quarters went to waste; or those coming back from the city, many of them drunk-sick, or nearly so.

Be it thoroughly understood at this point that no one is blaming them for doing this. The point that is being made here is that, of the hundreds of service men talked to in this instance, which covered many months, and men from every State in the Union, and New York City, not one of them would have been there, had he not been made to be there upon sufferance of loss of life, or freedom, and reputation, or all three.

The question therefore arises: Are those men heroes above and beyond the ordinary, or are they just the same as average people, who likewise have a job to do and go about doing it? Many of them tried to get out of it. Some few succeeded.

No, they are not heroes—any more than their brothers who stayed on the job and produced the where-with-all that won the war. The men in uniform did not win the war alone. It was won, first, by the machines, planes, guns, ships—more and better machines, planes, guns, ships, than the enemy had. Those things were conceived, made and delivered to the men in uniform by Mr. and Mrs. Average Citizen—as much a hero, regardless of the vibration frequency of the light with which viewed, as anybody who wore a special suit of clothes furnished by the government.

Having suggested another way to view the situation, the question is asked: Why, then, should one hero be belittled, and maligned, at the expense of another?

It is the writer's belief that they should not; that they should be treated the same; rated on a par with one another. It is the further belief that the men in uniform do not want to be treated any better or any other way; do not want to be babied, fondled mentally, set upon a clay pedestal.

Another implication in the attacks is that sick and wounded service men have to hitchhike their ways to hospitals. Such an idea would leave the average reader a little cold, if true, especially so when he thinks of the hundreds of billions of dollars spent on the war. The belief is expressed here, that Uncle Sam will not like that indictment.

Of course, if the marines referred to were furloughed from the hospital, and went to some distant city to raise hell—but that is another story.

Mr. and Mrs. Average citizen would be fools indeed, to take into their car, especially one in which a small baby is riding, and perhaps even without the baby, persons unknown. How would they know that such persons were not afflicted with, and were not carrierers of some Asiatic or tropical disease, venereal disease, T.B., dysentery, or a host of others equally bad? How would they know that such persons would not, for instance, open the car windows (the baby could catch pneumonia), start smoking and make the baby sick, or start a fire (this happened to the writer); or that such persons were not subject to irrational acts—acts which would endanger, at least, the baby's life? They wouldn't.

So, it can be seen that there are other things to consider besides the superficialities.

Regarding the Greyhound bus episode:

Even the Devil is entitled to his dues. A commuter is a most peculiar mutation of the human species. His little gouges, jabs, kicks, and elbowings are as much a part of him as the hair on his head, if any. Have you ever seen a person running around this busy world, apologizing for growing hair on his head? The writer hasn't.

As for the "poor navy boys": If they were on duty, the navy would have looked out for them at the expense of the civilian. The fact that they were in the Greyhound bus terminal undoubtedly means that they were on leave and had been in the city making whoopee. But even if they weren't, were any of them hurt? Did any of them complain? Or (question) is it just a tempest in a teapot, maybe?

When a civilian goes into the navy, he does things, and lives the navy way. Why, then, when a navy man comes back to the civilian world, shouldn't he likewise do things the civilian way?

Summing up: It has been pointed out:

1. Wearing a service uniform does not make a man into a hero who is entitled to exalted and special treatment.
2. Because a man wears no uniform he is none the less just as great a hero as the other who does.
3. Since they are both equally great heroes, one should not be reviled at the expense of the other.
4. There are grave dangers involved in taking into your car, persons unknown, especially in the presence of that tenderest and greatest of responsibilities a human has—a baby.
5. Commuters are commuters and just have to be taken as such.

In conclusion, if we were living in flat-land we, justifiedly, could see only one side of an object. In a two dimensional world, there would be two sides to view; while in the three dimensional world that we do live in, there are at least two sides and more.

For the sake of the future peace and progress on this earth then, let's pull our processes of thinking out of flat-land and reconvert them to our own multidimensional world. In other words, in this instance, give the other fellow a break, even if he does just happen to be Mr. and Mrs. Average Citizen.

(Signed) G. W. Brown,
Sausalito and Marin City.

We have noted that Pfc. Juanita L. Barteh and Pvt. Leona Confer, of Camp Stoneman, and Harold Crawford of Oakland were guests last week of P. W. Hogancamp. Pvt. Kenneth Hogancamp also was in for the weekend.

The city night is filled not with music but with the staccato bang of tire blowouts.

Home Seemed So Far Away

By Donahey

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have been brutally extinguished by these same people. The Swiss and other neutral residents are in no doubt as to the danger in which they were during those last few days.

"While the Allies, in the flush of victory, may be inclined to forget or at least some of them, the misdeeds of the Japanese, the Swiss and others who lived here under them during war time will be slow to forget. I have been astounded to hear the bitterness with which many of them, previously known for their pro-Japanese feelings, speak of the Japanese. They existed in daily fear of wrongful arrest. They know of many who died in the hands of the Japanese, and others who were broken in health as the result of wrongful arrest and torture. They are not likely to forget; at the moment their only wish is to get clear of the country as soon as possible.

"Astonishing things are happening here. Already the idea that the war was a mistake is being subtly fostered. So sorry! Already a tendency for the Japs to laugh off their defeat and talk away their guilt. As time goes by we shall be told that the fiendish brutalities of war were only bad dreams, that the atrocities never occurred, that our prisoners of war were mistaken, and that everything was due to language difficulties.

"Madame Tamaki MIURA, Japan's one time prima donna did her bit. She gave a concert to occupation forces, where at the age of 66 she made a valient attempt to recapture some of her operatic triumphs of 30 years ago. The loss of two chins and about 10" around the girth, as the result of wartime feeding, had improved her looks since 1940, when I saw her waddle across the stage of the OSAKA City Hall as Madame Butterfly. For a woman of 66 she tripped lightly across the stage as she tried, at the age of 66, to capture the hearts of the American audience with the tricks of a Japanese girl of 18. And I won't say she failed.

" I squirmed in my seat when she told in extravagant terms how glad she and the people of Japan were to see American troops in the streets of Tokyo. She dilated on American food and the American ways of life, and then with baser flattery proceeded to greater heights. I was miserable when she sang "Way Down Upon the Swanee River" and other American songs, and I was nearly sick when she ended up with the "Star Spangled Banner". I think there should be more plain talking with the Japanese, particularly that the behavior over the past four years, indeed over the past 13 years, has been such that it would be better that they should keep their hands off our national songs and anthems. I have not seen a single example of any member of the occupation forces doing a cruel or unkind act towards the Japanese people. Possibly this explains why they gave the old woman such a round of applause.

"Naturally there is quite an amount of fraternising. Both the natives and the troops are showing the greatest interest in learning each other's language. Hibiya Park is the great meeting place of such study circles! Even couples with arms around each others waists can be seen intent upon their language studies, sitting on the banks of the Imperial Moat! The GI's seemed more interested in being taught Japanese by the girls of Japan. In any case they did speak more nicely than the men. The youths and male students stand around in groups waiting for some soldier to take an interest in them.

The men look more yellow and seedy than before, and even a larger percentage wear glasses. Teeth seem to protrude a greater distance than in pre-war days! Any kind of clothes suffice. There are no conventions in dress these days. The women, or at least a great many, do not seem to have suffered the same deterioration as have the men. But make no mistake their lot must have been a hard one. In dress the women have changed more than any other aspect in the country.

"It is curious to find that in a country where any departure by the woman from conventional dress, brought on them the scandalized glances of all, that all women, almost without exception, now wear trousers. In no country can there be such a variety of styles and cuts in trousers as here. There are monpei varying from a true style of old Japan to balloons and bloomers. There are smartly cut slacks, men's cast-offs. Then there are the one piece, neck to ankle types, some obviously made recently from new materials, no doubt, with the idea of safeguarding the women of Japan from molestation from the invading American forces! Every plan that the Japanese have made has gone awry, even this latest. The American troops have just not misbehaved, and now I have no doubt many women wish they had not put themselves in neck-to-ankles!

"Only the women and children appear to be unchanged in manner. If only the men of Japan had more of the qualities of the women, what a wonderful, and what a different nation it would be today. For several years Jean has been telling me that the women of Japan would take a considerable part in the reconstruction of post-war Japan. I was not inclined to agree, but I can now see that many factors are going to make themselves felt. The women of Japan are making a better impression than the men, and will play their part. The professors and scholars are coming up from underground, the socialists and the ordinary man in the street. The people who will feel the draught most will be the hirelings of the Zaibatsu and the bureaucracy. The careers of many in Mitsu, Mitsubishi Sumitomo and others have come to an end. Bankers in YSB, Taiwan Bank, Chosen Bank and others will have to take up other pursuits. Great firms such as the NYK and Osaka Shosen Kaisha are things of the past. Without fleets they have no work to do, and thousands of employees have been discharged. The NYK building is used by the forces.

"Along the Ginza the only things to be bought are from pavement vendors, cheap junk merchandise at inflation prices. In side streets you will come across women selling small items of foodstuffs. Iwashi, no bigger than a large sized sardine, 4 for a Yen. Warji ranging in price from 3 to 7 Yen, lacquerware that previously could be bought for yen 10 is anything from 80 to 150 yen, depending on how much the seller thinks he can get. Photographs of Tokyo, postcard size, yen 5. Postcards of Fuji yen2. Maps of Japanese occupied territories have declined in price, despite the inflation. Topographical maps of Japan that previously no foreigner dared possess, are now figured largely in department stores, because they fill up a whole show case.

"After the Japanese authorities had frightened and driven away foreign tourists, and made it plain to all that they were not wanted, after having jailed some, tortured others, shadowed and pestered almost all, spied upon their privacy and ransacked their baggage, written up dossiers about them, removed all English names from the stations and from all other places that would assist the tourist, withdrawn all maps and timetables that made travel easy for them, it has now been decided that the tourist must be encouraged. There still remains the beauty of Japan that can be sold. The tourist has dollars and foreign currency. He is susceptable to flattery, he likes to be bowed at and fawned upon, and so English signs are popping up again on all sides. There is little paint or raw materials, but every station has its paper signs with the name of the station in English. Signs warn the GI not to step on the line "because the current is on", not put "your hands or faces outside the window", to "come this way", or "reserved for motorman." The latter is the most useful sign of all to GI's. It is a guide to the most comfortable place to travel, and so they open the door and join the motorman, who greets them with a bow and a broad smile.

"You do not have to be here long to realize that the Japanese were not defeated by the atomic bomb or by the entry of Russia into the war. The whole machine had broken down, and they were no longer able to repel an attack with any degree of effectiveness. The whole country was being rapidly bombed to blazes, and they were powerless to stop it.

"The shops that we knew in Japan no longer exist. There is practically no merchandise for sale, no food stores, or stalls, and very few restaurants. There are few electric bulbs to be had. The streets are in darkness, and there is no night life. It is a drab and dirty country, peopled with worn out disillusioned people who have largely become listless from undernourishment. None of the things that they did in the occupied territories are being done here against them. They are being given a decent deal. Perhaps that is a mistake because they have done nothing to deserve decent treatment.

"I am sorry for the women and children of Japan living in their tin shacks, and for the common man of Japan, but it a fact that the tens of thousands of common men in Japan did grievous acts against millions of people in the Pacific. Before I become sorry for the Japs as a nation I intend to be sorry for the millions whom they have killed and starved to death, and for those whom they tortured, and for the cities that they sacked and burnt. Consequently, when I walk the streets of Tokyo I am cold to all I see of the destruction about me.

"On the streets there are not many foreigners to be seen. During a morning's walk around Tokyo you probably will not see more than half a dozen. Most of the troops are American among whom there are a great number of Neisi. There are a few Russian officers about. They always wear revolvers, even to meals, an indication to the world, I suppose, that they are not intending to become soft in their treatment of the Japs. You will also see an occasional group of British sailors, and a few Australian officers on liaison work of various types.

"A walk through the department stores here is interesting, but sad. Gone are the delightful books for children, and the toys that were so cheap. Children in Europe are, I suppose, even more short of toys than are the children of Japan. Let us hope that the Jap war criminals who are now under arrest will not survive it.

"I do not know of anybody who is talking as yet of reopening business in Japan. All who have been here during the war seem anxious to get away as fast as they can. Perhaps later they will think of taking up business again. At present they seem to think that little will be possible for a period variously estimated at from two and one-half to five years. It is difficult to understand this until you see how thoroughly the country has been licked, and what a worn out sorry old machine it is today."

With kindest regards,
Yours sincerely,
D. H. Williams.

Ida Lupino enjoys the late summer sun at a Hollywood pool. She'll soon be seen in Warner Bros.' "Devotion."

Safety Award Given to Marinship

Marinship was today the holder of a safety award conferred by the San Francisco Chapter of the National Safety Council, in recognition of the safe operation of passenger vehicles at the Sausalito shipyard of Marinship Corporation.

Notification came to Marinship Corporation from Elmer C. Johnson, managing director for the Safety Council, that Marinship was the winner in the passenger car division of the Interfleet Safety Competition for the period from April 1 to June 30.

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Congressional Investigation

By Powers Symington . . .

The Pearl Harbor investigation so far leaves a rather bad taste in the mouth. What is it all about and what are they trying to do? It is unpleasantly like that slightly nauseating trial of Laval; we flattered ourselves we were above that sort of thing and could conduct an investigation with dignity, common sense and justice. Are these Congressmen and Senators, who are supposed to be among our best people, a parcel of montebanks; are they putting on a show; are the Democrats crooked and trying to cover up their mistakes while the Republicans are fighting for truth and honesty; or are the Democrats trying to do a necessary job while the Republicans engage in a mud slinging effort to find some Democratic goat?

To most of us it does not seem likely that a majority of any Congressional Committee would deliberately try to cover up ascertainable facts of a historical episode; they could not hope to succeed, and why should they try?

Presumably Congress wants to find out what happened at Pearl Harbor, why it happened, what led up to it, what data our officials had at their disposal at the time, and whether or not with the hindsight we now have, their judgments and decisions appear justifiable and reasonable.

A certain Mr. Flynn, who writes books and pamphlets, knew exactly what was going to happen in 1941; Mr. Under Secretary Wells was confident we would have war with Japan; and there were two fellows in Little Rock or was it Duluth,who could have told Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Hull what to do, and how to do it, when they were wrestling with an explosive situation in the Pacific.

It so happens that Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Hull had at their disposal only the brains that the good God gave them; they used the experience and knowledge accumulated in long years of public work to guide them in decisions which they knew were momentous; their responsibility was heavy and most of us believe they acted for what they were convinced was the best for our United States, of which they were the responsible representa tives.

The dignity of Congress is being smirched, the dignity of our National Government is being belittled and the dignity of the American people is being infringed by the unseemly wrangling and partisan antics of our representatives who are staging this low class exhibition. The officials being put through the wringer show up very well in contrast to the committee.

Many foreign nations look to us for leadership in the future but they will hesitate to submit themselves, or their beliefs, to any such sadistic vivisection as we are now putting our own people through.

Dirty linen should be cleaned without being offensive to the neighbors.

A member of the faculty of a London medical college was appointed an honorary physician to the king and to impress his students, proudly wrote a notice on the blackboard in his classroom. When he next returned to the room he felt honored when the students rose to their feet to sing. But he was sadly deflated when they sang: "God Save the King."—The Bear Facts.

Roy Rogers, currently starring with his famous horse, Trigger, in Republic's great new musical Western, "Man From Oklahoma."

SCOUT NEWS

By Margaret Abbot

The Girl Scouts recently celebrated their first birthday in Marin City with a festive party including cake and ice cream.

Mary Johnson and Margaret Shipman won special recognition for their models of newspaper dresses during the game and party sessions.

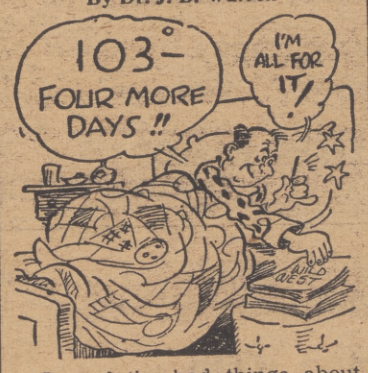
The Scouts have completed their "Cook and Hostess Badges" and want to extend their thanks to the mothers who helped them —Mrs. Joseph Ryan, Mrs. Helen Johnson and Mrs. Elsie Young.

They are planning a grand Xmas party with gifts made at the Arts and Crafts Center. They are also making their own Xmas cards.

The group or Mrs. Bradford can be reached any Saturday afternoon from 1:30 - 3:30 in the M. C. lounge room.

Rest After Flu or Other Illness

By Dr. J. B. Warren



One of the bad things about flu is that while the patient is suffering he feels tired, weak, depressed in spirits and is willing to rest. However, in two or three days his temperature and pulse is normal and he naturally wants to get up and about. Because he gets up and about he may weaken his heart muscle for weeks or months, and should an illness attack him his heart might not withstand it. The rule is to rest one day after temperature is normal for each degree of excess temperature during the illness.

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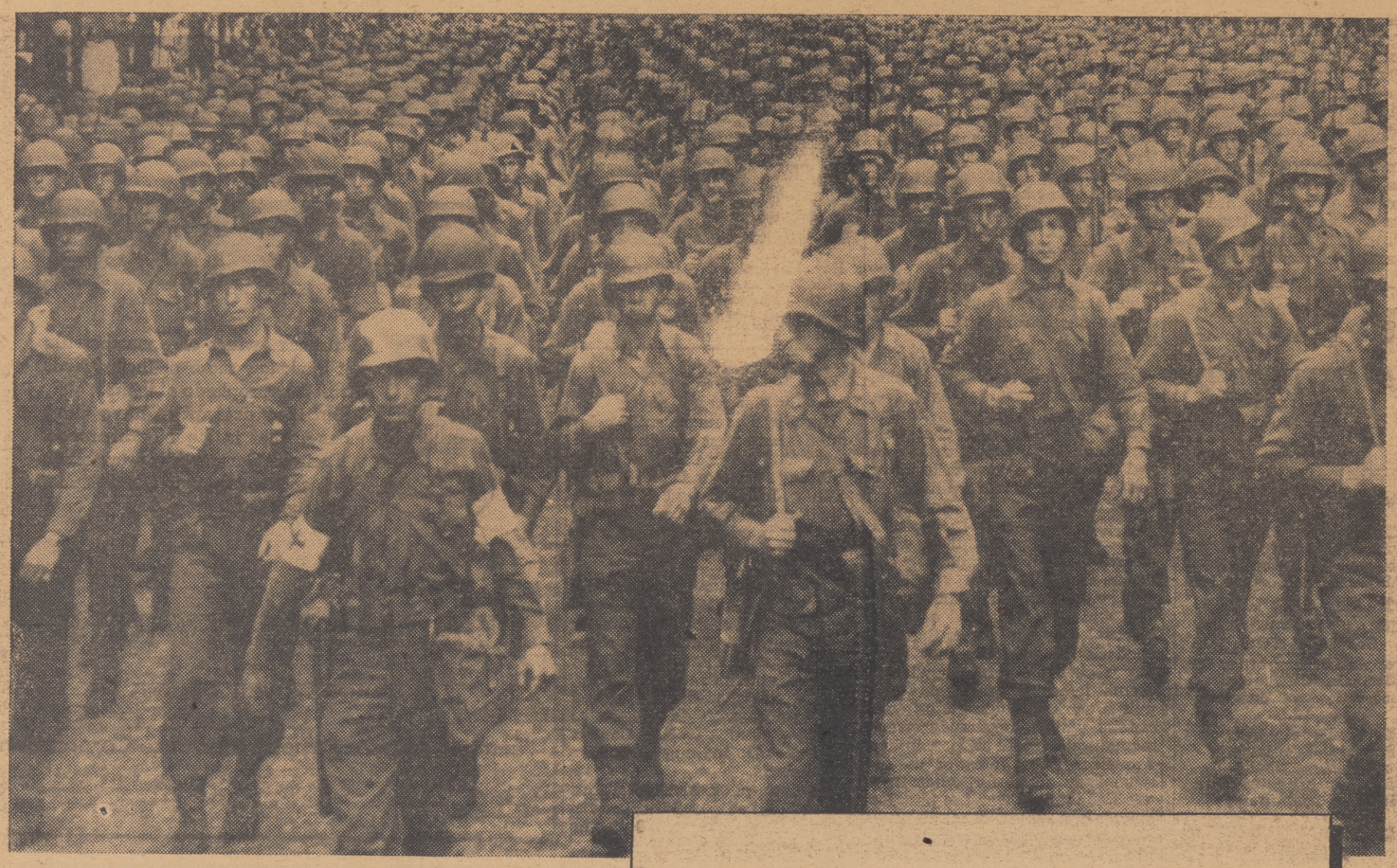

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Mrs. Taussig provided a lovely buffet dinner, and the invited guests were Marilyn Duncan, Janet Saville, Joan Kretchmer, Barbara Hulme, Elaine Kirchman, Florence Spaulding, Lynn Barry, Aobe Porteous, Edith Newman and Erdmuth Tams.

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NEW FIRST AID CLASS

Mrs. F. E. Hilton, as instructor, announces a new first aid class to be held every Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock in the Community Hall. This class was originally formed for the Belvedere firemen, but is open to all, and already about twelve people have enrolled. The revised edition of First Aid is being used for the first time in Marin County.

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COCKTAIL PARTY FOR RETURNED MEN

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Oatway entertained a number of Belvedere's returned service men. Among the local people attending were: Mr. and Mrs. David Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Pease, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sims, Jim Adams, Miss Bessie Paulsen, Mrs. J. L. Carter and Miss Mary Carter, Peter Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Munson, Harrison McClug, Jr., Lieut. and Mrs. Gauntlett, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Twigg from Palo Alto, and guests from San Francisco.

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GIRL SCOUTS

Girl Scouts who have been selling the Scout calendars for 1946 around the island recently, passed their quota in the first two days; and the money collected goes into the fund for a Scout camp site in Marin County.

Girl Scouts of all age groups from Brownies to Mariners, have been invited to swim in the Tamalpais High School pool each Friday afternoon after school.

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ARRIVALS and DEPARTURES

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cowan, who have come from Seattle where they were recently married, are living in the Lodge on Corinthian Island. Mrs. Cowan was an Ensign in the WAVES, and her husband a reserve officer in the Navy.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Easom spent last weekend in Los Angeles.

Mrs. Faison Jordan and her daughter Ma-Mai, who have lived for many years in China, are spending a few days with Mrs. Clifford Taylor at Havenscourt. They met in China when Mrs. Taylor was visiting her sister in the Orient before the war.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Woodworth have moved from their recent home in Hilarita Circle, and are living temporarily at the Housing Project.

Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Taylor, who formerly lived at Hilarita, and have been for some time in Portland, have returned to Belvedere.

Major Lester Sawyer has returned and received his honorable discharge. Dr. Sawyer spent four years at Letterman General Hospital in San Francisco, and has recently put in five months service at general staff headquarters in Manila.

Thanksgiving holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Mann were Capt. and Mrs. H. E. Bramson-Cook and their daughter, Dolyn, from Los Angeles. Capt. Branston-Cook, a reserve Naval officer, was with the Third Amphibious Force on the staff of Admiral Wilkinson, and is reportedly the first American Naval officer to land in Japan, having flown in on Lt. Gen. Eichelberger's own C-54 plane. After many interesting experiences in various parts of Japan, the Captain has returned to the United States to await his discharge. Mrs. Branston Cook is a sister of Mrs. Mann.

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STORK NEWS

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Littlefield (the former Peggy Entwistle) on Nov. 24. Mrs. Littlefield was a 2nd class radioman in the WAVES and stationed at Treasure Island during the war. Her husband was a Chief Warrant officer in the South Pacific for four years, and is now in the radio business in San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Keenan (the former Ann Sperry) are the parents of a baby girl, born on Thanksgiving Day. They have just taken a house in Bayview Terrace, and Mrs. Keenan will be home from Stanford Hospital this weekend.

Admiral Halsey Retires From Navy

Rear Adm. Howard F. Kingman addresses ships officers and men on board the South Dakota, as he takes over command of the 3rd fleet upon Admiral Halsey's retirement. Halsey is shown fondling his gloves behind Admiral Kingman.

Annual Cub Circus

The annual Cub Circus of the Marin Council, Boy Scouts of America, promises to be a huge success, according to early reports on attendance throughout the Council. Cub Pack No. 8 of Sausalito, plans to have an exhibition of circus animals as part of their share in the festivities. The Cub Circus gives all Cubs the chance to be a part of a full evening program centering around the circus theme. The scene will be San Rafael High School gym on Saturday evening, December 8th at 8 p.m.

Cub Pack No. 11 of Kentfield plans to have a "Fantasy in the Dark," but are non-commital as to what it means. The Lagunitas Valley Cub Pack No. 14, under the leadership of Lloyd Sission, plans to stage some Indian dancing, complete with costumes and war paint. Pack No. 28 of St. Raphael's Church will put on a mock orchestra, but refuse to divulge if the orchestra might not be the real thing. Other packs in the Marin Council will conduct a similar 3 to 5-minute act or scene. Some packs plan to dress their Cub Scouts up in circus animals while the Knights of Dunamis will sell refreshments and popcorn to all the parents.

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Ramsden Talks On Youth For Christ

Charles K. Ramsden, of Marin City recreation project, and 14 of his young guitar pupils played three hymns at the Marin Youth for Christ rally held last Saturday night at the San Rafael Improvement Clubhouse, which was filled for the rally.

Dr. Francis Shunk Downs of Berkeley, will be guest speaker next Saturday night. The program begins promptly at 7:30 o'clock.

At last Saturday's rally were heard Harry W. Hanson, superintendent of the Tamalpais Valley Community Church School, in a flannelgraph talk, about 25 musicians from Glide Memorial Church and Glad Tidings Temple in San Francisco, and Carl Schwartzenberg of Mill Valley, Navy man returned from Australia, who gave a testimony, and Hugh W. Jamison of San Francisco, speaker.

The Rev. Floyd Brown of San Anselmo, emcee and treasurer for Marin Youth for Christ, who is leaving for a pastorate at Rio Vista, was presented a bedside communion set, and Corinne Benson, representing Marin's 600 Camp Fire Girls, gave him an adult pin for his services on the advisory board of that group.

Bumper strips advertising the Youth for Christ rallies will be available next Saturday night.

Camp Fire Scribes

Camp Fire scribes of Marin County organized a Scribe's Association under direction of Mrs. John B. Sundin, publicity chairman, Saturday morning, Nov. 17, at Scout Hall. The purpose of the association is to promote the reporting of the activities of the individual Camp Fire groups and to acquaint the public with the ideals, growth, and work of the Camp Fire girls. Upon completion of certain requirements, each scribe will become eligible for a business craft honor. She also will keep a clipping book for her own Camp Fire group.

"Mi Gwan" was the name voted for the association. The meaning of this Indian name is "quill pen." Colors chosen are yellow and blue — yellow representing the color of the business craft honor bead, and, since the work is closely allied to citizenship, the blue was taken from the red, white. and blue honor bead representing that craft.

Meetings will be held quarterly, and it was decided to present a design of Camp Fire symbols and a slogan for the organization at the next meeting.

Officers nominated and elected, one representing each of the four Camp Fire districts, were as follows: Barbara Capel, Wahanka Camp Fire, San Anselmo, District 3, president; Audrey Miller, Ehawee Camp Fire, San Rafael, District 4, vice president; Sharon Murphy, Odakos Camp Fire, Mill Valley, District 1, secretary; and Audrey Clark, Chekamay Camp Fire, Kentfield, District 2, treasurer.

Refreshments of cider and doughnuts were served after the meeting.

Other scribes attending were: District 1, Jill Wigley, Kinunka Camp Fire, Sausalito; District 2, Eunice Cherry, Wacankiya Camp Fire, and Jacquelin Lymburner, Gustukohani Camp Fire, Larkspur-Corte Madera; District 3. Shirley Bishop, Okizu Camp Fire, San Anselmo-Fairfax; and District 4, Sandra Williams. Ikycaga Camp Fire, San Rafael.

BPWC Hears Dr. Bowman

The role Mahatma Ghandi has played in Indian affairs during the past 25 years was outlined by Dr. John Wick Bowman, speaker at the annual dinner membership meeting of the Business and Professional Women's Club of Marin County, held in San Anselmo, Nov. 27th.

The speaker, who spent 16 years in India, told of the various methods Ghandi had used to arouse and unify the people of India in their struggle for national independence. He believed the people have become impatient waiting for something constructive to be done about a constitutional government.

Dr. Bowman was introduced by Ethel Cobb Souza, the club's chairman of international relations, who had as her co-chairmen of the evening Ada Fusselman and Daisy Grant.

Mrs. Marvin Christensen was the soloist of the evening, accompanied by Ann Shields. The December 11th Christmas party was announced by Mrs. Ford, president.

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Cattle grubs that are appearing on the backs of cattle now are also known as "ox warbles", "wolves", "gar flies". and "heel flies", and are the larvae of the heel flies which later in the spring make cattle restless, and lose flesh and milk by running about the pastures. These flies lay eggs on the hair of cattle, near the ground, hence the name 'heel fly." The eggs hatch, burrow into the legs and after months of travel and development appear under the skin on the backs of cattle where they come through, falling to the ground, pupating, and come out as heel flies, starting the life cycle all over again.

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4-H CLUB ACTIVITIES REVIVED.

The University of California, through its Agricultural Extension Service, is going to revive the 4-H Club Convention held at Davis in the fall; the Senior Day on the Campus at Berkeley; and the All-Star Conference at Berkeley during the Easter vacation. The Marin 4-H Club Council will hold a Senior Initiation party in the fall, a county-wide 4-H picnic in the spring, 4-H Achievement Day in June, at Tomales, this year, and develop a 4-H Club Chorus of older members. The 4-H Club has endorsed the project of permitting Senior members to raise "Seinugior members to raise "Seeing-Dogs for the Blind, Inc.", as a public service contribution.

With the war over, the program is getting back to normal.

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HIGH COWS

The San Rafael Dairy Herd Improvement, Ed Anderson tester, reports Renati & King, Ignacio, having high cow in Marin County last month, giving an estimated 1783 pounds milk and 90.9 pounds butterfat. She was followed by a cow of M. Vonsen Co., An Antone, producing an estimated 1996 pounds, milk and 87.3 pounds butterfat; Ralph Roy at San Geronimo had third high cow, producing an estimated 1398 pounds milk and 81.1 pounds butterfat; E. H. Heims, Pt. Reyes, had fourth high cow, producing an estimated 1488 pounds milk and 78.9 pounds butterfat; McClelland's Dairy at Novato, had fifth high cow, producing an estimated 1516 pounds milk and 74.3 pounds butterfat; C. M. Morelli had sixth high cow with an estimated 1349 pounds milk and 74.2 pounds fat; M. A. Nunes, Novato, had seventh high cow, producing an estimated 1815 pounds milk and 72.6 pounds butterfat. Henry Raffo, Novato, had eighth high cow, producing an estimated 1531 pounds milk and 72 pounds butterfat. At San Quentin, the high cow produced an estimated 2139 pounds milk and 85.5 pounds butterfat.

Ben Rehrauer, tester for the Nicasio Dairy Herd Improvement Group, reports Chas. Spaletta high, with a cow producing an estimated 1547 pounds milk and 85.1 pounds butterfat; Armin Truttman, Olema, had second high cow, producing an estimated 2496 pounds milk and 77.4 pounds butterfat; the Compton herd, Bear Valley Ranch at Olema, had third high cow, producing 1606 pounds milk and 72.3 pounds butterfat.

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By VIRGINIA VALE

ARTHUR GODFREY'S one of the most popular men on the air, also one of the most dangerous—anyone who tries to follow the procedure that boosted him to success is headed for trouble. Godfrey made his radio debut 17 years ago, but tiring of monotonous routine, he tried to get fired by smashing records he didn't like, instead of just setting them going, as he was hired to do. He kidded his sponsor and the product, telling everybody they were insane for tuning in. Listeners loved it, the sponsor was swamped by a rush of customers, and today Godfrey has 80 sponsors! He ad libs most of his programs—makes notes on matchbook covers, then loses them.

Seems as if "Confidential Agent" should have been titled "Cruelty to Lauren Bacall." "She's badly miscast, as the daughter of an English coal baron, and she's up against such expert actors as Charles Boyer, Katina Paxinou, Peter Lorre and George Coulouris. Maybe she can win back her public in "Stallion Road"; in that one she'll have Humphrey Bogart opposite her again.

Joan Lorring, Warner Bros. actress who'll be seen soon in "The Verdict," with Sydney Greenstreet and Peter Lorre, has been informed that her father, Fred Ellis, has been released from the Japanese prison camp where he has been interned for four years.

Alan Ladd and Gail Russell were set to do a long scene, showing their first meeting in Paramount's "Calcutta." So the crew made up a pool on the number of "takes" each man thought the scene would require. Each put up a dollar; the guesses ran from 10 to 20, since the scene was five times the length of the average one. Ladd and Russell did it in one "take."

Nick Castle, directing the ice ballets in "Glamour Girl," in which Monogram stars Belita, fell down so often that finally he invented some non-skid boots—golf shoes whose soles are equipped with rubber plugs. He offered to lend a pair to a newspaper photographer who wanted to photograph Belita in action—but the smart guy just donned his own ice skates.

Johnny Sands, 18-year-old Texan, makes his screen debut in "The Dream of Home"; he'll play the teen-age sweetheart of Jean Porter. He's under contract to David O. Selznick, who has had him taking lessons in acting by way of breaking him in.

Parkyakarkus has been asked by a Chicago philologist to send him a recording of that Greek dialect heard on "Meet Me at Parky's"; the record's to be added to those in a collections of foreign accents. Parky, who majored in English at college, will oblige.

"The Sparrow and the Hawk," CBS aviation serial, draws hundreds of letters from flying enthusiasts—and they're not all from amateurs, by any means. Some of the top men in the aviation industry have congratulated the program's makers.

Ralph Edwards should be remembered as the only performer in this country who, for the entire duration of the war, voluntarily contributed the services of himself and his cast for the purpose of selling war bonds. He teed off the Eighth Victory Loan drive with his appearance in Wichita, Kan. Two and one-half million dollars' worth of bonds were sold as the direct result of that "Truth or Consequences" effort.

Odds and Ends—Vera Vague, of the Bob Hope show, goes dramatic in Columbia's "Snafu" . . . Ben Johnson, cowboy hostler, has been working for Hank Potts, who furnishes horses for motion pictures; now the movie bug has bitten him—he'll make his screen debut in RKO's "Badman's Territory." . . . Perry Como, star of NBC's "Supper Club" show, is one of the busiest men in radio—does his ten broadcasts a week and has never turned down a request to appear at a benefit or on a bond show if he could possibly grant it. . . . Guy Lombardo's sponsor is offering $10,000 in cash prizes for naming a song.

'Dear Ruth' Star on Stage At Six Years

Peggy Romano, who plays the little sister in "Dear Ruth" at the Geary, is well qualified to appear in that 'teen-ager role. She played the part of Fuffy in "Junior Miss" for two and a half years.

Miss Romano made her stage debut at the age of 6 in "The Great Waltz," and continued in the show until the Gerry Society decided she was too young to be acting. She has appeared in the musical spectacle, "Virginia," "The American Way," with Frederic March, and the revival of "Lilliom" with Burgess Meredith and Ingrid Bergman.

Her current role in "Dear Ruth" is a genuine opportunity, adult-sized, to hold audiences. Most of the action of the play proceeds from her misdeeds, though she is not the one ultimately affected by them. Her letters having started her sister's bogus romance with an unknown Lieutenant, she proceeds to complicate the issue with her confused family by her protestations, which are among the funniest lines in the play. At one point, while drowning her misunderstood sorrows, she closes a scene in conversation with a ponderous toy panda.

Mrs. Burneal Merritt left on Wednesday for Abilene, Texas, to meet her husband, Tech. Sgt. Burneal Merritt, who has just returned after two years overseas duty. Mrs. Merritt was employed over two years with Marinship and recently was employed by the Greyhound Lines. The sergeant's parents reside in Apt. 42-36 in M. C.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Darr have moved to Vallejo where Mr. Darr is employed at Mare Island. . . . That was a nasty spill that Dan Allen (chairman of the Marin City Council) took at Inverness recently. An arm was broken. A real tough break at Xmas time. But if the child has the spirit, Dan has . . . all will be well real soon again.

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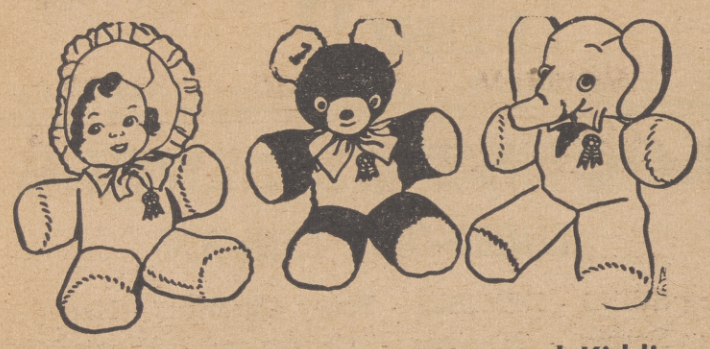
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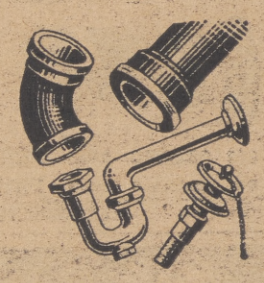
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There definitely will not be enough of everything to satisfy the heavy demand of shoppers in the first peacetime Christmas in five years because few products will be in abundant supply and most will be either scarce or available only in limited quantities.

Postwar products have just begun to reach the shelves of stores across the country and none in any great volume. A survey of the Christmas market made by the National Conference of Business Paper Editors, who have intimate knowledge of every phase of American business, reveals a tremendous buyers' demand for the token quantities of goods available.

Father will be lucky if he gets a shirt to go with his usual Christmas tie; women's lingerie stocks are low and dressing gowns of all types will be in short supply. Few families will blossom out with a new automobile, as the most optimistic predictions set total production at 200,000 cars, or only 4 cars per dealer.

Briefly, here's how the business magazine editors size up the Christmas market:

House furnishings — No new lamps. Refrigerators, vacuums and other household appliances in very limited supply. Decorative accessories in fairly good supply. Furniture stocks low. Some sterling silver flatware. Plated flatware in complete sets, but limited designs.

Sporting goods — Sufficient hunting guns and ammunition. Fishing specialities back on the market, but not many rods and reels. Synthetic golf balls in limited supply, but no golf clubs.

Toys—Only a token showing of wheel toys, electric trains, mechanical toys. Few metal and rubber toys; more plastics and plenty of wooden toys.

Radios—Limited quantities of table models with plastic case.

Appliances — Moderate supply of electric irons, heating pads, toasters, percolators, coffee makers, grills, electric shavers and waffle irons.

Linens and domestics — Informal print luncheon sets, banquet cloths, cocktail napkins and bath sets in sufficient quantities. Comforters, Turkish towel sets, bedspreads, sheets, pillow cases and blankets scarce.

Gift and art merchandise — Wide variety but limited supply of any particular article.

Stationery and writing sets—Reasonable supply of lower priced items. Popular-priced fountain pen and pencil sets plentiful.

Photographic equipment — Good supply of film. Cameras still scarce. Only fair supply of enlargers, movie projectors and camera accessories.

Leather goods — Luggage and handbags limited. Good supply of small items.

Jewelry — Ample supply of costume jewelry and precious stones. Substantial inventories of Swiss watches, but limited supply of American-made watches.

Toiletries — Gift sets return to market, but imported perfumes limited.

Men's wear — Shirts, shorts, pajamas, socks and men's suits in generally short supply or scarce.

Women's wear— Blouses scarce. Fairly adequate assortment of gloves, shoes and house slippers. Nylon hosiery limited.

Infants' gifts — Wearing apparel scarce, but adequate supply of soft toys and washable dolls.

Candy—Quantity limited because of no relief in sugar quotas.

Spirits—One bright spot on Christmas list with exception of Scotch, bourbons and some blended whiskies. Plentiful supply of gins, rums and all types of American wines.

As for distribution, it appears that stores in smaller towns are able to offer as varied stocks, in many cases, as those in larger cities. This may be the result of the larger population in cities, where men and women are pushing and crowding and fighting for Christmas goods, especially toys and clothing.

Returning servicemen and women usually land in the big cities first where they attempt to make their initial purchases of civilian goods. Men's stores in large cities are especially hard hit, their stocks depleted by men getting out of uniforms as quickly as possible.

Likewise, millions of women who wore uniforms, or who wore slacks for war work, are now demanding dresses and more feminine attire. They shop tirelssly from store to store in every city, fighting for their Christmas goods.

On the other hand, men and women in small towns are shopping more leisurely, but purchasing heavily of everything they can find.

It's a mad rush! But it looks like it's going to be America's merriest Christmas!

Jottings

By RUBY McLEOD TAYLOR

BE TRUE TO YOURSELF

Most troubles come about because we are not true to ourselves. We shove ourselves in the background, try to take all the advice, do what everybody tells us and what happens is not pleasant . . . spontaneous combustion. It is better to "hew to the line and let the chips fall where they may." After all, it is not so much what we mean to men that matters, as what we means to ourselves. It is only when you are true to your better self that you are fit to walk with kings, whether you walk with them or not.

You may make the miles alone but whether you walk the highroad, or the lowroad externals mean little in the face of what you are within. The divine spark is YOU. It identifies you from all else . . . it is your highlight . . . your freedom . . . and this is eternal.

Whether you plod carrying burdens through lowland mud, or face the sky from the highroad heights, you can always say: "This is I." "I am myself." It matters little what people think, or say, if thoughts and sayings are erroneous. You, yourself, are the better judge of that. What really registers in a big way is how we stand with ourselves. We have to live with ourselves.

You can face the stars, let the rain caress your face, the wind rumple your hair. These things are good. They are to be had without money or price. These things are every person's right . . . their privilege of enjoy. You can acept simple things gratefully, for from the little things of life big things grow. Remember the acorn and the flourishing oak tree.

The songs of life mean little if they do not come from the heart.

If your inner song is beautiful it matters little whether discord reigns about you or not. We cannot keep people from thinking, judging, imagining, for that is their privilege. But these things matter not a whit if we continue to weed our row and attend to our business and let well enough alone. The seed may lie in fallow ground a long time, but eventually it will burst and GROW. No good seed planted ever dies. Neither does any good thought sent out return void. What we are we reflect in the mirror of life. It is a good idea to take a peek into the mirror once in a while and KNOW OURSELVES.

If there is a line in the face, get after it with your favorite cosmetics. If there is a kink in your mental set-up get after that too. We learn in course of time, however, that good faces usually reflect the kindliness from within. See a screwed up face and lined with hatred and envious eyes gleaming out from it and you see a person whose motor needs over-hauling, and I don't mean maybe!

Auto Court Appeal Fails

Feeling that Marin residents are inhospitable to transients, J. E. Davis would like to maintain a high class trailer camp at Alto, but wants some assurance that his permit would not be revocable at a moment's notice. Issuance of one-year permits as practiced by the Planning Commission is a hindrance to maintaining a first class auto court, he said, in his application pending before the Board of Supervisors.

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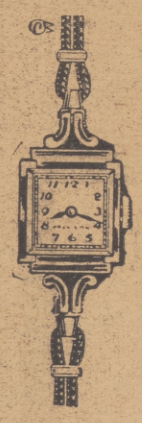

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Farm Produce Is Yardstick

We have been accustomed to think of the farmer as a producer. Today the farmer knows he is a consumer just like city folks. He needs not only farm equipment but also household equipment. He is competing with the urban dweller for vacuum cleaner, washing machines, pots and pans, radios, automobiles. Like everybody else his family needs shoes and clothes.

The farmer would like to get higher and higher prices for the things he prodouces. But does he realize that the cost of raw products is soon reflected in the cost of the many items he wants to buy for his home and his farm? He is on both ends of the inflationary cycle.

Reliable reports from the countries that are even now groaning under the burdens of inflation furnish the deadly parallel. Meat sells for $11 a pound, butter for $12 a pound, eggs, $18 a dozen. Fine for the farmer, you say.

Just a minute. The same farmers pay $120 for a pair of shoes; $80 for a shirt; $10,000 for a tire. Now, is he doing so well?

The example is convincing. When inflation hits a country everybody is loser. The more you make the more you must spend, until your money becomes practically worthless.

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